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Re:

Washington Toxics Coalition v. EPA, Case No. 01-0132C

Implementation of Injunction's Point-of-Sale Notification Requirements

Dear Counsel:

I am writing to bring to your attention issues arising in connection with implementation of the January 22, 2004 injunction's point-of-sale notification requirements that we believe warrant a status conference and involvement of the Court. As you know, the injunction requires EPA to develop mandatory point-of-sale notifications to be posted in urban home and garden stores within the range of listed salmon. The effective date for these obligations was April 5, 2004, yet an informal survey of home and garden stores has revealed scant posting of the notifications and confusion concerning the injunction's requirements. We believe the following need to be addressed to improve compliance.

First, the notice sent by CropLife (attached) is confusing at best. It recites the injunction's requirement that CropLife distribute the point-of-sale notifications, but it does not describe the context in which this distribution is taking place. For example, the notice does not explain that the court required the posting of these notifications in connection with the presentation for sale of products containing seven pesticides. Nor does the notice list the pesticides or the products that contain them. The notice directs the diligent reader to multiple websites to attempt to glean this pertinent information. It is not surprising that retailers have expressed lack of knowledge or confusion about the point-of-sale notification requirements.

Second, both the notice and EPA's Federal Register notice to retailers and state agencies direct retailers to an industry website to obtain copies of the point-of-sale notifications. CropLife Notice to Lawn & Garden Product Retailers; Exhibit 2 to Federal Defendants' Status Report (Mar. 22, 2004). That website - www.pestfacts.org - has been developed by RISE, which represents

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pesticide producers and suppliers and advocates on their behalf. While two clicks link the viewer to the point-of-sale notification, the opening page:

invites the viewer to "Have Your Say on the ESA!" which urges the viewer to support a proposed regulation that would weaken protection for endangered species from pesticides;

presents a fact sheet entitled "Why Pesticides?" touting the benefits of pesticides without disclosing hazards; and

provides a link to a poll purporting to support the caption "Most Americans Believe Environmental Groups are 'Too Extreme.'"

The site contains additional information about particular pests and pesticide remedies, as well as a link to an article describing this lawsuit as a "nuisance and distraction." Excerpts from the website are attached.

We do not believe it is appropriate to direct retailers to this biased site as the mechanism for distributing the point-of-sale notifications. We are particularly troubled that EPA's Federal Register notice directs retailers to the industry site rather than EPA's own site. Moreover, we have checked EPA's website repeatedly throughout this week in vain for the point-of-sale notification. This situation promises to force retailers to the industry site if they want to locate and produce the point-of-sale notifications.

Third, the notification (attached) adds a statement that was not compelled by the Court order, namely

This point of sale notification was produced in compliance with a January 22, 2004 Court Order, to notify urban users about the potential for some pesticides to harm fish.

We were surprised to see this additional statement on the notification. When we printed the notification in color, we were even more surprised to see that, in addition to highlighting the word "some," this entire statement appears in bold lettering that makes it stand out more than the narrative mandated by the January 22, 2004 order. Given that the order requires that the mandatory "statement shall be highly visible to the purchasers," we believe the added statement should not be in bolder print that makes it more striking and eye-catching than the mandatory statement. We ask that the electronic version of the notification be modified either to delete the added statement or to reduce it to less visible and prominent font.

In sum, we believe a new notification to retail outlets is necessary, one that identifies the covered pesticides and products and clearly describes the notification requirement and its purpose, without requiring resort to outside documents and websites. The information needed to comply with the order should be on EPA's website, not an industry site that is devoted to promoting the use

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and sale of pesticides. Finally, we have repeatedly asked to be consulted in the development of actions to comply with the Court's orders in this case, but these requests have been refused. Had we been consulted, some of these difficulties could have been avoided. We believe such consultation is necessary from this point on.

Sincerely,

Patti Goldman

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT 1



1156 15th Street, NW Suite 400 Washington D.C. 20005

April 2, 2004

Notice to Lawn and Garden Product Retailers:

At the request of our outside counsel and pursuant to the January 22, 2004 Court Order in <u>Washington Toxics Coelition v.The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</u>, we would like to inform you of the following information:

Court Order dated January 22, 2004

The court order states "Within 60 days of the effective date of this Order, Intervenor-Defendants will distribute the point of sale notification developed by EPA in quantity, for point of sale distribution, to sales outlets where lawn and garden products are sold in Urban Areas subject to this Order." Please find in this mailing, the point of sale notification developed by EPA that is referenced in the court order on page 11, lines 13-16. The applicable products are listed in the Court Order on page 10, line 20 through page 11 line 1. The Urban Areas are designated in "EXHIBIT 3" of the court order. You can find a complete copy of the January 22, 2004 Court Order at the United States Environmental Agency's (EPA) website, http://www.eoa.gov/espp, under the link Washington Toxics Coalition v. EPA

This communication to Retail Outlets of Lawn and Garden Products is pursuant to this notification requirement in the January 22, 2004 Court Order.

Additional copies of this communication or the Point of Sale Warning may be printed directly from the website www.pestfacts.org.

Established in 1933, CropLife America represents the developers, manufacturers, formulators and distributors of plant science solutions for agriculture and pest management in the United States. CropLife America member companies produce, sell and distribute virtually all the crop protection and biotechnology products used by American farmers.

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Hidden, hungry invader threatens city of Mardi Gras City fights Formosan termites

For decades, the historic buildings -- in the city that's home to jazz and jambalaya -- have fought for survival against one of the most voracious and destructive forces in the termite kingdom.

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Most Americans Believe Environmental Groups are "Too Extreme" click here for the poll results

Additional Headlines:

- > Long Island man dies of West Nile
- > Stopping the real pests
- > West Nile virus hit hard, didn't hit home
- > Rats prompt Chicago school cleanings
- > SARS-Weary China to Sweep out Pests Called the "Four Dangers"
- >Bedbugs making a comeback
- > Colorado county to spend \$680,000 on mosquito control in 2004
- > Science rejects anti-pesticide claim
- > West Nile Virus fact sheet and informational web site from USDA

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Summer is fast approaching along with the season's fresh crop of mosquitoes.



Click here to visit westnilevirusfacts.org a comprehensive look at We virus and the responsible mosquitoes.

Other RISE Resources

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Visit these other online resources RISE has developed to keep you informed and up-to-date:

> Why Pesticides?

A 4-page fact sheet focusing on pests, the problems they pose and effective methods for their control.

> Westnilevirusfacts.org

An information resource on West Nile Virus and the responsible control of mosquitoes.

> Schoolpestfacts.com

A site focusing on children's health, IPM, pests and the safe use of pesticides.

> Read the Label First!

A campaign to improve labels and help consumers purchase, use, and dispose of products more safely and responsibly.

> Lawn Management

Read this fact sheet for homeowners with information on the use of lawn fertilizers and the protection of water quality.

> Phosphorous, Urban Runoff and Aquatic Weeds

Discusses the benefits of turf as well as the importance of phosphorus in healthy turf management.

Click on the logo to the right to view and download valuable information on the risks pests pose to children.

Did you know In 2003, there were no cases of West Nile Vi US resulting in more deaths.

Get the facts with Questions and Answ <u>Pesticides,</u> court Grounds Mainte Magazine

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Click on the envelope to go directly to an online site to prepare Letters and Emails to your regulators in support of the ESA Counterpart Regulations!

Please click on the links below for more information and resources regarding the EPA Endangered Species Act:

Endangered Species Counterpart Regulation

Talking Points: EPA Endangered Species Act Counterpart Regulations Rulemaking

<u>Press Release: RISE Statement on the Proposed Endangered Species Counterpart Regulation</u>

ESA Counterpart Regulations Rulemaking - download letter copy

Unnecessarily wide net cast by pesticide ban ensnares state's farmers: Opinion piece

Why Pesticides? Here's Why:

in health protection and safety. Following are some events that Odemonstrate the benefits of pesticides and why these products Real-life incidents illustrate the essential role pesticides play need to be available to the public.

A Surf City, Calif. family was overcome at their home by an angered nest of adult paper wasps. Two teenagers received multiple attacks, insect stings can stings on arms, hands and those allergic to such discomfort such as itching face. Wasp stings cause pain and redness. Among

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discomfort such as this pain and redness. Amor hose allergic to such attacks, insect stings can result in headaches, paralys and even death.

Or A Johns Hopkins University study cites mouse allergen as significant in the increased rate of childhood asthma.

Skin tests of asthmatic children in major U.S. cites found LL that nearly 20 percent were sensitive to such allergens. Nearly 40 percent of inner-city children were found allergic Another study has linked cockroaches with asthma.

9)to droppings and dander from these insects.

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and Clinical Immunology. Annually, more than half of the intested

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O is Hawaii health officials confirmed 35 cases of musquito-borne

dengue fever in the fall of 2001. Authorities believed the dengue

fever virus was imported by a resident who traveled to Tahtin or

American Somoa, where the diseases is endemic. The virus has

O a 5 percent fatality rate in those infected through a mosquito bite.

M. Students at schools in the Los Angeles area experienced a
 O different type of growing pain-noxious weeds sprouting through
 C cracks in asphalt playgrounds. The growth was attributed to an
 area-wide ban on herbicide use at schools by the Los Angeles



Unified School District. Costly hand labor resulted in temporary control, but many campus officials say effective, lesting control is not possible without herbicide use.

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Battling Pests for Health and Safety

that allows for a variety of approaches to control pests, including Pest Management or IPM is a common sense set of measures use of pesticides if and when they are necessary. balances prevention, sanitation and maintenance, integrated The best approach to pest control is an overall strategy that

most bountiful feed supply man has ever known. improved health for adults and children, assure safeguards against disease, promise more comfortable living and yield the allow us to continue to win major victories-victories that provide pest control products and methods have given us the edge. They Our battle against pests may never be totally won, but modern

www.pestfacts.org, westnilevirusfacts.org or schoolpestfacts.org For more information about pests and pest control, visit



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Keeping Harmful Pests in Check

caused by West Nile virus in our country is one reason why pesticides must remain a viable option for our protection. safety. The thousands of illness cases and hundreds of deaths Pesticides play an important role in protecting our health and Larvicides and adulticides



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The Many Benefits of Specialty Pesticides

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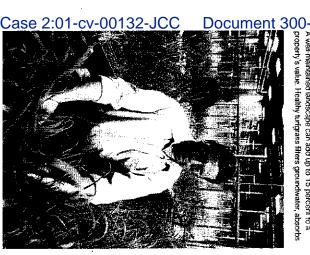
In fact, they frequently are the first line of defense in preventing

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C encephalitis, rabies, Lyme disease and hantavirus. More recently, every concept of the control o apartments pest-free.

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the highest quality while minimizing the cost for retailers and these pests, growers are able to provide ornamental plants of diseases that damage plant health and quality. By climinating damaging insects, such as aphids, thrips and whiteflies and monitor for the presence of pests and use pesticides to control Commercial growers of ornamental flowers and plants continuously

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and Tested for Use Pesticides are Thoroughly Reviewed

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that products already on the market continue to meet scientific and regulatory requirements for health, safety and environmental In addition, EPA monitors and evaluates pesticides to assure

The Pest is the Problem

injury and illness. However, when using pesticides to and rural areas alike, such pesis can cause serious instructions and handle pesticides in a responsible manner control these pests, it's important to atways follow label insect bites is real. The fact is, in inner cities, suburbs The risk of becoming seriously ill from rodent, tick or

Points to Ponder The Post is the Problem:

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- can cause serious health risks and death. fever, encephalitis and other vector borne diseases, all of which Mosquitoes are carriers of West Nile virus, malaria, dengue
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Stopping the Real Pests

By Henry I. Miller, MD

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It's great news that most Americans now identify themselves as environmentalists. Unfortunately, a small number have embraced environmentalism with religious fervor, basing their beliefs more on faith and dogma than on science and data.

Not unlike fundamentalists engaged in a jihad against unbelievers, these radical environmentalists pursue an agenda that has less to do with protection of the environment than with antipathy toward business, profits, and certain products and technologies. Ironically, their efforts to achieve their own

narrow vision of what constitutes a "good society" often are inimical to protection of the environment -- a variation on the admission by Peanuts cartoon character Linus van Pelt, "I love humanity; it's people I can't stand."

For example, exploiting a technicality that links the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to pesticide registration, environmental groups have filed a spate of nuisance lawsuits that attempt to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from registering or reregistering pesticides. These suits take advantage of a legal technicality that links pesticide registration to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). They allege that by failing to put in place a process for consultation with the federal agencies that administer the ESA -- the National Marine Fisheries Service and Fish & Wildlife Service -- before registering a pesticide, the EPA has not complied fully with the law. This in spite of the fact that the Fish & Wildlife Service's ESA Consultation Handbook makes it clear that "[t]he Services cannot force an action agency to consult."

The environmentalists' lawsuits are not substantive but procedural: No actual damage to threatened or endangered species from the EPA's actions (or inactions) has been demonstrated. And never mind that pesticides control vermin, increase agricultural productivity, reduce the need to convert wild lands into farmland, prevent the growth of harmful fungi and bacteria on crops, reduce prices to consumers -- and that they undergo exhaustive testing and regulatory review to ensure their safety.

Substantive or not, the lawsuits constitute a nuisance and distraction for EPA officials, who must expend vast effort and expense on defending the agency in court - resources that could be better spent reviewing and approving new products, and on prosecuting dishonest manufacturers and polluters.

Although the ESA requires all federal agencies to ensure that their actions take into account possible adverse effects on endangered species, Congress recognized the value of pesticides by expressly directing that pesticide registration by the EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act should "minimize the impacts to persons engaged in agricultural food and fiber commodity production and other affected pesticide users and applicators."

This is not the only instance in which misguided activists and their lawyers have obstructed government agencies charged with protecting public and environmental health. Last November, an activist coalition filed a lawsuit that seeks to stop the field testing of crop plants that produce pharmaceuticals -- so-called "biopharming." Again, the grounds for the suit were purely procedural. The groups claimed that "neither USDA nor any other government agency has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement" to evaluate the safety of the field trials, and that this "lack of oversight violates the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act." And during my tenure at the FDA, the agency was constantly diverted and distracted by the need to





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defend against bad-faith lawsuits and by the need to respond to annoying, insubstantial "citizens' petitions."

The hidden agenda in all of these cases is activists' opposition to the use of certain kinds of technologies or products, and animus toward the companies that use or make them.

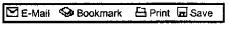
There is good news to report, however, about the lawsuits that are attempting to halt pesticide registration. The EPA, which boasts vast and comprehensive experience with assessing the potential risks of pesticides to plant and animal species — including those listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA — and other federal agencies have devised an appropriate solution to the procedural problem. The National Marine Fisheries Service and Fish and Wildlife Service, which administer the ESA, on January 30th proposed a rule that will eliminate the requirement for the EPA to consult with other agencies as the agency reviews and registers pesticides. This technical revision will not only assure greater consistency in the assessment of pesticides, but by freeing regulators to more expeditiously license more environment-friendly products, it will also better protect endangered species and their habitats. And, of course, it will moot the lawsuits.

Confounded by incomplete data and incessant pressure from radical groups and commercial interests, the formulation of environmental policy is difficult, to be sure, and assessing the risks and benefits of pesticides can be devilishly complex. This proposed rule will draw the battle lines clearly. Brandishing pseudo-facts, half-truths and warnings of apocalypse, the anti-pesticide, anti-technology, anti-agribusiness groups will oppose it, while genuine environmentalists will support it.

This change will not fix other existing flaws in the ESA, but it will prevent the legislation from interfering with the development and registration of an important class of agricultural and consumer products.

Henry Miller is a physician and fellow at the Hoover Institution. He was an official at the National Institutes of Health and FDA from 1977 to 1994. His most recent book, "The Frankenfood Myth: How Protest and Politics Threaten the Biotech Revolution," will be published later this year by Praeger Publishers.

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ATTACHMENT 3

Salmon Hazard

This product contains pesticides that may harm salmon or steelhead.

Use of this product in urban areas can pollute salmon streams.

This point of sale notification was produced in compliance with a January 22, 2004 Court Order, to notify urban users about the potential for **some** pesticides to harm fish.